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MANILA AND CINCPAC PLEASE PASS PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR OVIP OREP SOPN LA US

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION VISIT TO LPDR: LAO CONFIRM
MARCH 19-20

REF A STATE 55991, B STATE 56364, C VIENTIANE 512

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF WESTERN AND PACIFIC
NATION AFFAIRS SOMBAT CHOUNLAMANY MARCH 15 ORALLY GAVE
LAO AGREEMENT TO ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION
IN C-141 AT 0900 LOCAL MARCH 19 AND ITS DEPARTURE
MARCH 20.

2. SOMBAT SAID "TENTATIVE PROGRAM HAD BEEN PROPOSED TO
HIGHER AUTHORITIES" AS FOLLOWS:

A. MARCH 19 MORNING OPEN WITH POSSIBLE MEETING WITH
"HIGHER AUTHORITIES"

B. MARCH 19 AFTERNOON DISCUSSIONS WITH LAO REPRESENTA-
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TIVES HEADED BY SECSTATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOUPHAN
SITHPASAY

C. MARCH 20 FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IF DESIRED FOLLOWING
THOSE PREVIOUS DAY.

3. ASKED ABOUT ENTERTAINMENT, SOMBAT SAID LAO WOULD

ATTEND DINNER HOSTED BY ME EVENING MARCH 19. HE MADE NO OFFER FOR LAO TO ENTERTAIN. IF LAO DO NOT CHANGE THEIR MINDS, I PLAN TO HOST AMERICAN ONLY LUCH MARCH 19.

4. WE GAVE SOMBAT RADIO FREQUENCIES FOR WATTAY AIRPORT TOWER, VIENTIANE, PROVIDED IN PARA 3 REF B, AND ASKED HIM TO INFORM US IF LAO WISHED USE ANY PARTICULAR ONE OF THOSE FREQUENCIES. WE HAVE REQUESTED MD-3 POWER CART OR EQUIVALENT AND TEN FOOT HIGH PASSENGER STEPS.

5. WE ALSO MENTIONED THAT WE COULD PROVIDE LAO FLIGHT PATH OF C-141 IF SOMBAT WANTED IT AND HE REPLIED THAT HE DID. LAST MESSAGE WE HAVE RECEIVED ON THIS IS 60 MAW TRAVIS AFB 150030Z MAR 77, AND WE WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION PARA 1 THAT MESSAGE TO LAO.

6. IT APPEARS FROM SOMBAT, HOWEVER, THAT LAO ARE NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS ON MARCH 20. IF COMMISSION ITSELF DOES NOT WISH TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS, IT MAY WANT TO MOVE ETD UP FROM LATE AFTERNOON TO EARLIER TIME. THIS WOULD ALLOW TIME FOR ANY MEETING LAO MAY DECIDE AT LAST MINUTE TO ARRANGE MORNING MARCH 20 WITH PRESIDENT SONNDANOUVONG OR OTHER SENIOR OFFICIAL FOR PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER IF THIS IS NOT DONE MARCH 19.

7. THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT COMMISSION PLANE MIGHT BE PREPARED RETURN TO VIENTIANE MORNING MARCH 20 TO BE READY FOR EARLY DEPARTURE IF COMMISSION SO DECIDES.
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WE WILL, OF COURSE, CABLE BANGKOK AS SOON AS WE GET FIRM ETD.
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